THE COUNCIL

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IAID OVER TO COMMITTEE ON ELECTION LAW

April 18, 1978.

Res. No. 212

Resolution Calling Upon the State Legislature to Amend the State Election Law to Prohibit Smoking at All Polling Places and Places of Registration.

By Council Members Stern, Michels, Trichter, Messinger, Steingut, Leffler and Olivieri; also Council Members Crispino and Greitzer—

Whereas, The Surgeon General of the United States has determined that smoking is hazardous to one's health; and

Whereas, The majority of people in the United States do not smoke; and

Whereas, Nonsmokers are subjected to discomfort when in an enclosed space with smokers and may be forced to leave the room; and

Whereas, Section 161 of the New York State Election Law reads in part, "There shall be no smoking in any place of registration in any church or school,"; and

Whereas, Section 193(2) of the New York State Election Law reads in part "There shall be no smoking in any polling place in any church or school,"; and

Whereas, Voters should have the right to exercise their franchise without having to breathe air filled with cigarette, cigar, or pipe smoke; and

Whereas, Voters are presently deprived of that right unless they register or vote at a church or school; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Council of The City of New York calls upon the State Legislature to amend Sections 161 and 193(2) of the State Election Law to delete the words "in any church or school" from these sections, thereby prohibiting smoking at all places of registration and polling places,

Referred to the Committee on Health.

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